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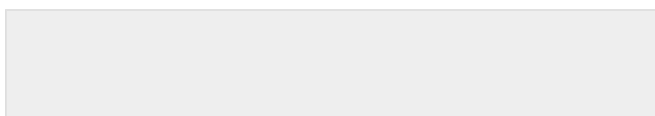
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By Officer Candidate Adam Shults

Ten years ago, I joined Navy Medicine in hopes of one day having the opportunity to be a provider and take care of patients.

The desire to help others led me to join the United States Navy as a Hospital Corpsman. My journey began in Great Lakes at Recruit Training Command and Navy Hospital Corps School. It carried me through as a field medical service technician and eventually to Independent Duty Corpsman School.

Navy Medicine has shown me world-class healthcare in any climate and place for 10 years now. I have had the distinct pleasure of serving in many settings – from the deserts of Afghanistan and Iraq, to the flagship of Navy Medicine in Bethesda Maryland. By far the most challenging and rewarding time was spent as a line corpsman and independent duty corpsman with the Marines during my combat tours. It drove me to pursue further education and higher levels of responsibility after I lost a child to massive trauma.



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A unique part of Navy Medicine is that it will provide follow on training to their members. These programs demonstrate Navy Medicine's values of Readiness and Jointness, Navy Medicine Education and Training's mission of career-long learning and growth, and a unique career enhancement in which no other job organization can compete.

My goal of touching life from birth to death while providing the highest quality care became a realization when I was notified of my selection into the Interservice Physician Assistant Program (IPAP). As an Officer Candidate here at IPAP, Navy Medicine is providing me with the tools necessary to go forth and continue to provide five-star care in any setting. More importantly, the joint setting of the training builds connections across all five services.



I look forward to continuing its values of Readiness, Value, and Jointness to develop tomorrow's leaders while taking care of today's patients.

This setting directly reflects joint endeavors across military medicine and places patient care as top priority and not service affiliation. I am proud of my Navy heritage and enlisted roots, but look forward to working jointly to provide the highest level of care with my inter-service colleagues as a physician assistant.

Navy Medicine has shown me several things during my career in the military. First, they

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strive to provide the highest level of training and education in order to implement the best medicine for everyone regardless of affiliation. Second, they strive to work as a joint team to extend advances in medicine and application of therapy to all branches and civilian counterparts. And third, the combination of a joint mentality with medicine and the emphasis of quality health care allow military medicine as a whole to be prepared for any contingency worldwide.

I am a living example of how Navy Medicine strives to advance its members to their highest potential. I look forward to continuing its values of Readiness, Value, and Jointness to develop tomorrow's leaders while taking care of today's patients.

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